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**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

COMMITTEE: Public Awareness

RECORDER: Kay Ryan

Date: September 20, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Kathleen Colvin, Stephanie Pringle Fox, Shane Nurnberg, Elaine Fogel Schneider

ABSENT: Tony Anderson, Rebecca Carroll, Toni Doman, Cal Enriquez, Shirley Stihler

GUESTS: Angie Humphrey, Dr. Sam Yang, Donna Clayson, DADP

LIAISONS: Erin Paulsen, DDS; Janet Canning, CDE-Absent

MEETING NOTES

I. Introductions

II. Agenda Review - The agenda was reviewed and approved without change.

III. Review and Approval of May Minutes - The May minutes were approved with no changes.

IV. Executive Committee Report – Elaine provided highlights of the Executive Committee meeting. She highlighted those of the 33 ICC Recommendations on which Rick provided status updates. Shane questioned the seeming disconnect between EE-4, which shows completed and the fact that only one Regional Center had an 800 number when he surveyed. We discussed the role of the ICC in making recommendations and the limitations DDS faces around implementation.

The Executive Committee also discussed OSEP's response to DDS's Annual Performance Report and State Performance Plan and possible reasons for California's less-than-stellar rating of "Needs Intervention."

Standing Committee work plans and timelines will be updated and compiled but it looks like all Committees will have recommendations by June 2008.

The Parent Leadership Ad Hoc workgroup proposed changes to the ICC By-laws to include disability as a consideration for new members. However, because we weren't sure whether this was within the purview of

the ICC, more research will be done. Other changes concerned how unexcused absences of Community Representatives will be handled. It was also recommended that a Membership Committee be established to review the process for appointing Community Representatives and make recommendations to streamline the process.

The proposed calendar for 2008 meetings (page 47) was reviewed. However, meeting locations are pending availability of sites able to provide the State rate.

The changes to scheduled presentations were discussed. Shane requested that program changes be communicated to Members and Community Representatives as soon as DDS becomes aware of them as people make decisions about travel and attendance based in part on the content of meetings.

A proposed plan, developed by Elaine, Angela McGuire, Debbie Sarmiento and Gretchen Hester to revise the process for Newcomer Orientation and mentoring was shared and discussed. People were asked to review the material and bring forward any suggestions for changes or improvements.

WestEd has revamped the Early Start Institutes and scholarships are available for ICC members. Support up to \$350 also exists to cover other participant costs through the California Early Start Personnel Development Scholarship Fund.

- V. Outreach to Health Care Providers** – Kay provided information from Colorado about their Physician Outreach Training Initiative and asked PAC what follow-up questions they have for the Colorado contact. Questions included: What tool is Colorado promoting to do the standardized developmental screening; how did they get Physicians to attend the meetings, what is the structure/role/mission of LICCs and how are they supported financially; are all LICCs structured the same or is there variation among them; are there 20 LICCs in Colorado; will Physicians be required to make all referrals to the single state source; if all referrals come to a single point in the State, which State-level agency will respond to those referrals and how much time (or how many referrals) do you anticipate annually; what strategies do you plan to use to strengthen ties with the CAAP and CAAFP; how are practices reimbursed for the additional work of screening and referral; how many languages are materials translated into? It would also be interesting to know what duties are included in our Colorado contact's job description as Part C Public Awareness Coordinator.

Dr. Yang had information about a now-ended ABCD project in California, which was managed through the Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal Managed Care. North Carolina had a very successful ABCD

project. Kay will contact them for more information and will send answers from our questions and contact with Colorado and North Carolina to PAC members via e-mail prior to the next meeting. Kay will also request information about the focus of other ABCD projects.

- VI. Collaboration with Parent Leadership Ad Hoc** - This item was discussed as part of the report from the Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Parent Leadership Award Process

The process needs work. There were a very limited number of nominations and the information provided about the applicants varied dramatically and made it difficult for comparison. We need to figure out when the 2008 OSEP conference will be held, and back the timeline for our nomination process into that. If the award must be made by May, we would want to announce the process in November, ask for nominations by the end of January, to announce the recipient at the May meeting. We also talked about how we might refocus to encourage more interest by making the prize, and therefore the process, more exciting. We will do this by getting local press to the award event and giving the recipient an acrylic heart. It was also suggested that we give all nominees a certificate honoring them for being nominated.

The nomination information should also be clearer about who is eligible to be nominated. Kay will send copies of the nomination materials to PAC members for review and comments prior to the next meeting. PAC will need a conference call on October 29th at 1:00 to finalize any changes to the nomination materials so that they can be made available at the November meeting.

PAC questioned how the Primary Health Care Provider's Role in Early Intervention will be disseminated, and suggests that a cover letter similar to that Colorado sends to Pediatric Health Care Providers be used.

VIII. DDS Update

DDS has been on the road this summer conducting reviews at nine Regional Centers. Lanterman, San Andreas and Tri Counties in June; Inland, San Diego and San Gabriel-Pomona in July; Westside in August; and, North Bay and Golden Gate in September. That is in addition to submitting the Apr and SPP and reviewing and responding to the new federal regulations.

IX. Other